

Charter Review Commission To Examine Election Process

Rockville's Mayor and Council has appointed a Charter Review Commission that has been given the authority to review aspects of the City's election process. The commission, to be co-chaired by David Cahoon and David Hill, has been asked to present a thorough report by the end of this year.

In spring, the Mayor and Council identified five major goals they hoped to achieve during their current term and 22 action items to support those goals. One of those goals is

"Rockville Community Identity and Pride." A review of the City Charter and other laws related to the election is one of the action items the Mayor and Council promised to pursue.

The commission was appointed at the General Session of July 8. Also appointed to the commission were residents Sue Edwards, Shelly Hardwick, Fran Hawkins, Gerry Holtz, Jennifer Kaye, Phyllis Marcuccio, Jim Marrinan, Robert Pittman and Roald Schrack. Doris Ecelbarger, chair of the City's Board of Elections, will serve as an ex-officio to the committee.

"There a lot of things we will do in the coming year that are important—things such as Town Center," said Councilmember John Hall. "But this is

our constitution. This is the fundamental governing document of our city."

Among the items the commission will have the latitude to review are: methods for generating binding referenda; the possibility of weekend elections; the length of terms for the Mayor and

Council (all five members now serve two-year terms and are elected in the same years); the possibility of staggered terms; the number of Councilmembers; representation by districts (all members are cur-

rently elected at-large); and voting privileges for resident aliens.

After receiving the commission's report, the Mayor and Council will determine if they want to pursue all or some of the recommendations.

At a work session after their appointment, the commission members were reminded by Councilmember Susan Hoffmann that if their review suggested that no changes of any kind were necessary, the Mayor and Council could be accepting of that evaluation as well.

Councilmember Robert Dorsey stressed to the members that they have been entrusted with an important mission.

"I thank this group," said Dorsey, "because you will help determine the future of Rockville." ❖

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— Councilmember Bob Dorsey



IF I WERE MAYOR: *Earlier this year, Brian McGolrick joined about 90 other Rockville fourth graders, and many others statewide, in the Maryland Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. The students were asked to write 250 words about how they would make their communities more inclusive for all if they were mayor.*

Rockville took the contest one step further and decided the best essay written by a Rockville student would earn that student the opportunity to be Mayor for a Day. Brian, who recently completed fourth grade at Beall Elementary, was selected as Rockville's grand prize winner. On July 15, he served his one-day term. He went on a ride-along in a City police car, toured Rockville's maintenance facility and visited many departments in City Hall. He also had a chance to have lunch and exchange some thoughts with Mayor Larry Giammo (above).

Max Hashatus from Christ Episcopal School and Catherine Raff of St. Mary's School earned honorable mention for their essays.

Rockville Bridges I-270 with Design of Bright Note

Not only is Rockville going to have a pedestrian/bicycle bridge serving as a gateway, the City also is going to have a bridge like none other in the area.

The bridge will be located parallel to Maryland Route 28 (West Montgomery Avenue) crossing over Interstate-270. A safe pedestrian and bike crossing was identified as

a priority at this location by residents during the development of the 1998 Bikeway Master Plan. Last fall, the City was awarded \$3.1 million by the State of Maryland to construct a bridge that will enable bikers and walkers an opportunity to easily reach destinations on both sides of I-270. It is a key element in the City's plan to have more than 40 miles of

paths and lanes available to bikers.

Why is this bridge going to be so unique? Along with its aerodynamic arch design, the City has commissioned artist Steven Weitzman to add an artistic flair to what normally would be a bleak and boring crossing.

Both the outside and the inside of the bridge will feature tubular lighting so that those traveling by foot or on wheels at night will enjoy the visual effect as well as the safety of lights. And commuters on busy I-270 will come to identify Rockville by this innovative bridge design. The three-quarter-mile, 365-foot bridge will be 10 feet wide and will connect extensive trail networks on each side of the Interstate. The anticipated date of completion is May 2004.

Citizen comments are still being sought on the project and may be sent to the attention of Betsy Thompson in the Recreation and Parks Department at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. ❖



PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE BRIDGE: *The preliminary design for the planned bicycle and pedestrian bridge (computer generated image above) promises to make it a project that will make commuters take notice of Rockville.*

Calendar of Events

City Events

For more information on many of these events, please refer to the Summer Recreation Guide or log onto www.ci.rockville.md.us.

2-3 Rockville Musical Theatre: "Anything Goes." 8 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Call 240-314-8690 for ticket information.

4-27 Exhibit: Color Photography—Three Views (Caroline Helou, "Close Encounters"; Carolyn Johnson, "Architecture: The Essence of the Image"; and Antonia M. Macedo, "Constructions of Scapes.") Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. Opening Reception: August 4, 1-4 p.m. Free.

4 Sunday Afternoon Concert Series: Tobago Bay Calypso Band. 2 p.m. Glenview Mansion. First Floor Conservatory. Free.

6 Kids, Parks, Performing Arts: Ananse-gromma of Ghana (African dance, drum, and games). 7:30 p.m. Twinbrook Park, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. Free.

7,14,21,28 Out To Lunch Wednesdays (see August schedule on page 3). 12 noon-1:30 p.m. East Montgomery Avenue in Town Center. Farmer's Market open 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free.

10-11 Rockville Civic Ballet: "Firebird." Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Call 240-314-8690 for ticket information.

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16-18 Musical Theater Center: “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Call 240-314-8690 for ticket information.

15 Nature Center
All events take place at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, located in Rockville Civic Center Park. Reservations are required. See the City’s Web site or the Summer Recreation Guide for details. For more information, call 240-314-8770.

3 Birding Basics. 11 a.m.-12 noon. All ages. \$2 residents/\$3 nonresidents.

3 Summer Stream Walk. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Ages 3+. \$4 residents/\$5 nonresidents.

8 Evening Explorations: Spiders. 7-8 p.m. \$3 residents/\$4 nonresidents.

13 3-D Under the Sea. 2-3 p.m. Ages 4-12. \$4 residents/\$4.50 nonresidents.

19 Back-to-School Special: Eco-lunches 1-2 p.m. Ages 4-16. \$6 residents/\$7 nonresidents.

For Seniors
Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. For further information, call 240-314-8800.

1 Quilting Bee Quest. 10-11 a.m. Free.

6 Year-End Tax Planning. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

6 Cooking with Herbs. 7-9 p.m. \$15 members/\$19 nonmembers.

7,13,21 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

7 Birthday and Anniversary Party. 1:30-3 p.m. Free.

7 Jewelry-Wire Wrapping. 7-9 p.m. \$5 members/\$8 nonmembers.

14 Aromatherapy for Bath and Beauty. 7-9 p.m. \$5 members/\$8 nonmembers

15 Lotta Terra Cotta Candle Stand. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$15 members/\$20 nonmembers

15 What Can You Do About Memory Loss? 1-2 p.m.

21 Classical Music with Murray—“Musical Stories.” 1-2:30 p.m.

23,30 Flexing Your Mind. 10:30 a.m.–12 noon. \$4 members/\$6 nonmembers

City Projects UPDATE

Recreation and Parks

HUNGERFORD Dawson Farm Park • Will replace wooden bridge and reconstruct granary in historically sensitive manner and to serve as a park shelter/gazebo • construction slated for fall/winter 2002 • public input has been incorporated into design

MONTROSE Montrose Community Center • Construction to conclude in August • improvements include a new roof, windows, and additional storage • will reopen in August

GENERAL PROJECTS Beall-Dawson Historical Park • Transplanting of boxwoods, re-establishing boxwood parterres, and minor landscaping enhancements to occur in fall

Croydon Creek Pedestrian Bridge • Wooden bridge at the end of Avery Road over Croydon Creek to be replaced • securing permits • construction to begin in fall

Dog Park • Tour of potential sites completed by Recreation and Park Advisory Board • Broome Athletic Park was chosen as most favorable • user group will be established in mid- to late-summer

Energy Study • Phase I to be completed in August 2002 • Phase II to begin in fall/winter 2002-03

I-270/Route 28 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge • Separate bridge parallel to Route 28 on south side across I-270 to connect Hurley Avenue and Nelson Street bikeways • TEA-21 award for \$3,124,421 received from State Highway Administration • under design • construction scheduled for spring 2003 • citizen input will continue to be incorporated into design

Isreal Park Shelter Improvement • Existing shelter to be renovated • in design stage • construction to begin in fall

Mary Trumbo Park • Design has been approved by the community for park in East Rockville • committee has been formed to select artwork • construction could begin as early as fall 2002

Millennium Trail •Norbeck Road multi-use path from East Gude Drive to Veirs Mill Road in design, construction scheduled for 2002-03 • resurfacing of path along Wootton Parkway from Edmonston Drive to Falls Road scheduled for fall 2002

Parks Topo Boundary Survey Building Plans • In planning stage

Rockville Civic Center Park • Installation of ornamental iron fence along the stonewall beside Baltimore Road • Installation of lightning protection for significant trees around the mansion

Wootton Parkway Landscape • Enhancements to be made to landscaping on Wootton Parkway between Route 355 and Falls Road • project has been awarded • installation to begin fall 2002

CALL **240-314-8620** FOR MORE INFO

Public Works

TOWN CENTER Maryland Avenue Extension • Initial survey complete • Extension to be built concurrent with new library

WEST END Brick sidewalks • Laird Street installation began in July • Forest Street to follow Laird Street

TWINBROOK Sewer Rehabilitation • Sewer evaluation survey, including flow monitoring, smoke testing and video inspection of underground piping, for the southeastern area of Twinbrook began in July • Design to be accomplished during winter • Construction planned for spring 2003

GENERAL PROJECTS Asphalt Maintenance Program • Work will begin in mid-July in the following areas: a portion of Argyle Street, Chadsbury, College Gardens, Dover Road, Loftstrand Lane, Howard Avenue, Markwood, Montrose subdivision, New Mark, Rothgeb Drive, Stonestreet Avenue, a portion of Twinbrook Forest and Woodley Gardens East

Baltimore Road • Bike path upgrade from Gladstone to Twinbrook Parkway was completed in July

Bike/Pedestrian Improvements • Intersection of Twinbrook Parkway at Chapman Avenue planned for fall • Route 28 at I-270 and Nelson Street and Route 28 and Great Falls Road planned for fall

Chapman Avenue Watermain Upgrade • Construction of upgrade between Route 355 and Chapman Avenue on Thompson Avenue, and on Chapman Avenue from Thompson Avenue to Halpine Road has started • Work to be completed by fall

Fallsgrove Off-site Improvements • Intersections to be improved include Gude Drive and Research Boulevard; Gude Drive and Gaither Road.; I-270 and Shady Grove Road.; I-270, Route 28, and Nelson Street; West Montgomery Avenue and Gude Drive; West Montgomery Avenue and Shady Grove Road; and Shady Grove and Research Boulevard

Mount Vernon SWM • Improvements will be made to Cabin John Creek with modifications to existing storm water management • construction started in July

North Horners Lane Utilities Improvement • Water main upgrade planned between Southlawn Lane and Westmore Avenue

Street Lighting Improvements • 12 new lights on Wootton Parkway between Hurley Avenue and McCormick Road are installed • New lights have been installed on Park Road at Metro Station • New lights to be installed by fall on Avery Road between Route 28 and Mark Twain School

Wootton Parkway Improvements • New traffic signal and an extra turn lane are being added on Scott Drive at Wootton Parkway to separate right and left turn movements • intersection of Wootton Parkway and Glen Mill Road is being modified so Wootton Parkway continues straight to Darnestown Road • Glen Mill Road will stop at Wootton Parkway

CALL **240-314-8500** FOR MORE INFO

Rock Enroll Is Here to Stay

Users of Automated System This Fall Can Win Prizes

When Rockville launched its easy-to-use automated registration system for its recreation programs and classes one year ago, it was evident that the City was implementing a system that was one of the most advanced registration systems in North America. The biggest question was how long would it take for residents to discover and adopt the system.

First-year results were impressive. And now, as the program enters its second year for the Fall 2002 programs, it is definite that Rock Enroll is here to stay.

To encourage people to give Rock Enroll a try, the City’s Department of Recreation and Parks is entering everyone who registers using Rock Enroll between August 21 and September 22 into a random drawing for gift certificates and other great prizes. Recreation Superintendent Phil Bryan hopes this will encourage new users.

“Once people use it the first time, we

know they will realize how fast and convenient it is,” he said.

According to a recent User Satisfaction Survey, 91 percent of survey respondents said the City’s Rock Enroll system was easy to use and 95 percent said programs were easy to find. In addition, 95 percent said they will continue to use Rock Enroll to register for programs.

“Throughout North America, Rock Enroll has been given very high marks,” said Bryan. “At a recent national conference, many people commented that the logo was catchy and now the site is being used as model for other organizations looking to get online.”

Not too bad for a newcomer. Rock Enroll handled almost 4,000 registrations in its first year of operation—an impressive 17 percent of all registrations.

To use Rock Enroll, call 301-762-4284 and follow the easy-to-use instructions or access it online at www.ci.rockville.md.us.

Talbott Water Tank Has Flowery Future

Karen Voight, president of Village Green Condominiums just off of Rockville Pike, is a horticultural genius of sorts. She prides herself on her love of wildlife that she nurtures in the greenery surrounding Talbott Tank, making the one-million gallon public water storage facility a much more pleasant site for its residential neighbors.

Since the early 1990s, Karen has been planting, replanting, watering, potting and mulching a variety of plants and flowers to support the birds, bees and butterflies native to this area. The result has been a well-maintained garden, complete with birdfeeders, birdbaths, garden furniture and raspberries that transforms an ordinary city water tank into the backdrop for a meditation retreat, walk or resting spot.

The site has been designated a certified Maryland Wild Area by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. And because of her work, Karen—who can be seen in her garden year-round, up to two or

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WADDINGTON PARK SIGNS IN: *Rockville has 52 active neighborhood and civic associations, and one way the City helps these organizations is through the Matching Community Grant Program. The City matches up to \$1,000 for projects and programs that benefit communities. The Waddington Park Homeowners Association took advantage of the program recently to erect a new sign that proudly welcomes visitors to the neighborhood. At the dedication of the new sign are, left to right, Councilmembers Bob Dorsey and Susan Hoffmann, Waddington Park Homeowners Association President Jeffrey Axelson, Councilmember Anne Robbins and Mayor Larry Giammo.*



Spirit of Rockville Flying High in Town Center on September 28

The building tradition of the *Spirit of Rockville* will have a whole new flavor this fall—and a new home.

The celebration of cultures will be held Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year, the event moves to Rockville Town Center and actually encompasses four events into one festival.

Your eyes will be delighted at the **Fall Harvest Festival at the Rockville Farmers’ Market**. Along with farm-fresh fruits and vegetables for sale, there will be pumpkin painting, scarecrow-making, a moonbounce and Bluegrass music from the Patuxent Partners.

Your sense of taste will be tickled with the **Taste of Rockville**, an all new event featuring food tasting from more than 20 restaurants around the region including O’Brien’s, California Tortilla, Tara Asia and more.

Your ears will be enchanted with **A Celebration of Cultures**, which will feature continuous multicultural musical entertainment, including Pablo Antonio y La Firma, a 13-piece Salsa band and the Alexandria Kleztet. Local Italian, Bangladesh, Bolivian and Chinese dance groups will be on hand, as well as a demonstration that explores the arts of Japan and a show featuring reptiles from around the world.



At 2 p.m., children will parade around the festival grounds showing the traditional clothes of their cultures. Prizes will be awarded for participation.

Your sense of touch will be charmed at the **Arts and Crafts Festival**, where local vendors will sell their woks and children can make their own, compliments of Rockville Arts Place.

The Spirit of Rockville celebration encompasses the Mayor and Council’s guiding principles to redevelop Rockville Town Center as the community center for residents and to celebrate the City’s diverse cultures.

The event is hosted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville, Rockville Chamber of Commerce, Rockville Community Ministries, Rockville Jaycees, Rockville Arts Place, Sister City Corporation and the Greater Rockville Partnership.

Limited spots for Taste of Rockville vendors remain available. ❖

CALL **240-314-5022** FOR MORE INFO

In Brief

Singing to Remember 9-11

The Rockville Community Orchestra and the Rockville-based Hometowne USA barber-shop chorus will present “United We Sing!” on Wednesday, Sept. 11 in Town Center, to help commemorate the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Hometowne USA invites all men who like to sing to join the group for the patriotic event. Songs will be familiar, so newcomers will learn quickly. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday nights in August at 7:30 p.m. at the Rockville Unitarian Church, 501 Mannakee Street. For directions, check www.hometowne.org.

To commemorate the occasion with Hometowne USA, call Alan Price at 301-340-7739 or e-mail alanrprice@earthlink.net.

CALL **301-340-7739** FOR MORE INFO

Home Improvement Grants

Low- and moderate-income Rockville homeowners can apply for grants and loans to make necessary upgrades to their homes through Rockville’s Home Improvement Program. This includes upgrades to electrical, plumbing and home heating systems.

Funds for the program are provided by Housing and Urban Development through the U.S. Community Development Block Grant Program and are administered by the City’s Community Planning and Development Services.

Please call to inquire about eligibility requirements and loan limits.

CALL **240-314-8208** FOR MORE INFO

Free Firewood Available for Rockville Residents

Now is the time to stock up on firewood for the winter months. Free firewood is available on a first-come, first-served basis at the City’s Maintenance Facility at 14625 Rothgeb Drive.

CALL **240-314-8700** FOR MORE INFO

Youth Orchestra to Hold Auditions in September

Rockville is offering young musicians a chance to join the Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra (RRYO). The orchestra, which consists of 45 students, will conduct auditions in September for all fourth through ninth graders.

RRYO is comprised of violins, violas, cellos, string basses, flutes, clarinets, oboes, bassoons, trumpets, trombones, French horns, low brass, and percussion. Rehearsals run from Oct. 1 through early June 2003.

CALL **240-314-8682** FOR MORE INFO

Go “Out To Lunch” Wednesdays For Music and Market

This summer, Rockville’s East Montgomery Avenue becomes a festival every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The City’s “Out to Lunch Wednesdays” program is a hint of the vibrant Town Center that will be built in Rockville in the coming years.

On Wednesdays, East Montgomery is closed to traffic and becomes home to Rockville’s traditional summer Farmers’ Market. The restaurants in that area offer outdoor seating and diners can munch to the sounds of live music.

The “Out To Lunch Wednesdays” schedule of entertainers for August is:

August 7	Zion Hill Gospel Singers
August 14	Reunion Blues Dixieland Band
August 21	Russian Gypsies
August 28	Marty Nau Jazz Quartet

CALL **240-314-5022** FOR MORE INFO

Para Ud.

Noche Nacional Contra el Crimen, 6 de agosto

Los residentes de más de 50 vecindarios de Rockville celebrarán la 19^{na}. Noche Nacional Contra el Crimen el martes 6 de agosto. Las actividades tradicionales incluirán festejos por manzanas de casas, comidas al aire libre y diversión vecinal; las actividades no tan tradicionales comprenderán espectáculos de variedades y picardía, además de presentaciones a micrófono abierto.

Los oficiales del Departamento de Policía de la Ciudad de Rockville, los miembros de las oficinas del Alcalde y el Consejo de Rockville junto con McGruff, el Perro del Crimen, harán sus rondas por las celebraciones. Se espera hacer correr la voz entre los criminales que los vecindarios de Rockville se organizan y se defienden contra el crimen. Además, la Noche Nacional Contra el Crimen promueve la toma de conciencia sobre la prevención de crímenes y fortalece el espíritu del vecindario y las alianzas entre la policía y la comunidad.

Si usted o su organización vecinal desea realizar un festejo en la manzana u otra actividad en reconocimiento de la Noche Nacional Contra el Crimen, le rogamos llamar a la Oficina de Servicios Comunitarios del Departamento de Policía de la Ciudad de Rockville (240-314-8922).

—Victoria Imas-Duchovny



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Rockville Numbers at your Fingertips

The following is a directory of most frequently called City of Rockville telephone numbers. To make it easy to find what you are looking for, we have tried to arrange this list primarily by topic, not necessarily by department. You may call the main number for information about a topic that is not listed.

MAIN CITY NUMBER	240-314-5000
TTY	240-314-8137
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)	240-314-8100
Animal Control:	
Licenses or complaints	240-314-8930
Bicycle Questions	240-314-8626
Bid line (announcements and results)	240-314-5038
Citizen Service Request Line .	240-314-8139
City Clerk	240-314-8280
City Hall	240-314-5000
City Manager’s Office	240-314-8100
Code Enforcement	240-314-8330
Croydon Creek Nature Center ..	240-314-8770
Cultural Arts Information	240-314-5006
Elections	240-314-8286
F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre	240-314-8660
Box Office	240-314-8690
Farmers Market Information ..	240-314-8604
Glenview Mansion	240-314-8660
Historic District Information ...	240-314-8230
Housing Assistance Programs ..	240-314-8200
Human Rights and	
Community Mediation	240-314-8108
Inspection Requests	240-314-5040
Fire Code	240-314-8251
General Construction	240-314-8240
Jobline	240-314-5037
Landlord/Tenant	240-314-8219
Leaf Collection	240-314-8566
Lincoln Park Community Ctr ..	240-314-8780
Mayor and Council	240-314-8290
Neighborhood and	
Community Services	240-314-8300
Parking Tickets	240-314-8920
Planning	240-314-8220
Permits	240-314-8240
Personnel	240-314-8470
Police Administration	
complaints, police info	240-314-8910
non-emergency	240-314-8900
Public Information	240-314-8115
Recreation	240-314-8620
Inclement Weather	240-314-5020
Programs	240-314-5023
Special Events	240-314-5022
Sports Line	240-314-5055
Theme Park Tickets	240-314-5024
RedGate Golf Course	240-314-8730
Refuse/Recycling	240-314-8568
Rock Enroll	301-762-4284
Senior Center	240-314-8800
Senior Recreation	240-314-8820
Senior Transportation/Lunch .	240-314-8810
Skate Park	240-876-2655
Skate Park Information ..	240-314-8765
Snow/Ice Removal	240-314-8566
Street/Sidewalk Maintenance ..	240-314-8566
Swim Center	240-314-8750
The Rockville Channel	240-314-8188
Trash Removal	240-314-8568
Tree Maintenance	240-314-5007
Twinbrook Recreation Ctr	240-314-8830
Water/Sewer Services:	
Connect/Disconnect	240-314-8420
Main Break/Sewer Backup .	240-314-8567
Utility Bills	240-314-8420
Web Site	240-314-8166
Zoning	240-314-8220

You can also find a complete listing of the new Rockville phone numbers at the City’s Web site: www.ci.rockville.md.us



August Program Schedule

Mayor & Council Live
August 5, 7:30 p.m.
General Session

Meeting Replays
Monday, 7:30 p.m.
(if no live meeting)
Sun. and Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Daily, 12 midnight and 3 p.m.
Sun. and Sat., 9 a.m.

City Hall Report
Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m.,
12 noon, 6 p.m., 10 p.m.

Cityline
Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.

Mayor & Council Review
Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
6:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

SPECIALS
Public Safety Awards
Daily, 2 p.m
Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m

Community Mediation
Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.
Daily, 2:30 p.m.
Sun.-Tues., 7 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 11 p.m.

Responsive & Responsible:
Rockville City Government
Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.
Wed.-Sat., 7:30 p.m

Air Quality Codes
Mon.-Fri., 9:45 a.m
Sun.-Tues. 11:40 p.m.
Daily, 7 a.m.
Wed.-Sat., 7:15 p.m, 11:45 p.m.

Asphalt Paving
Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.
Sun.-Tues., 11:30 p.m.

Trees in Rockville
Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.
Wed.-Sat., 7 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

Caregivers: Homeless
Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.
Daily, 1:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 8:30 p.m

Exploring Rockville's Past
Daily, 1 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9 p.m
Sun.-Tues., 11 p.m.

Inside City Hall Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

The Mayor and Council met for a General Session on May 28.

- On May 28, the Mayor and Council:
- Awarded a rider to Montgomery County for a contract for \$358,000 to Motoral Inc. for an 800mhz trunked radio system.
 - Awarded a rider to Montgomery County for a contract for \$380,250 to Electronic Data Systems Corp. for providing hardware and software to process automated enforcement for red light running violations.
 - Awarded a request for proposal for \$26,753.32 to RCI Sound Systems for sound and light equipment rental and operators for 2002-2003 City events.
 - Awarded a bid for \$506,802.71 to McGee Crane Rentals Inc. for Mt. Vernon storm water management ponds and sanitary sewer upgrade.
 - Awarded a bid for \$170,900 to O.M. Contractors for the requirements contract for construction, repair and maintenance of various types of brick sidewalks and roadways.
 - Awarded a bid for \$84,919 to Chesapeake Ford Truck Sales Inc. for one utility tree dump truck with crane.
 - Awarded a bid for \$34,582.99 to Denville Line Painting Inc. for furnishing and installing white and yellow reflective painted lines on City streets for FY2003.
 - Introduced an ordinance to comprehensively amend Chapter 17 of the Rockville City Code entitled Purchasing.
 - Approved the sale of 4,517 square feet of land owned by the City of Rockville to

Mayor and Council Meetings

- August 5: General Session, 7:30 p.m.
SUMMER RECESS
- September 9: General Session, 7:30 p.m.
- September 17: Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m.
- September 23: General Session, 7:30 p.m.

Mayor and Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open during this time. Please call the City Clerk's Office as drop in times are subject to change (301-309-3310).



Councilmember Bob Dorsey

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled to be available for Drop-In for August and September are:

- August 5: Bob Dorsey
SUMMER RECESS
- September 9: John Hall
- September 17: Susan Hoffmann
- September 23: Anne Robbins

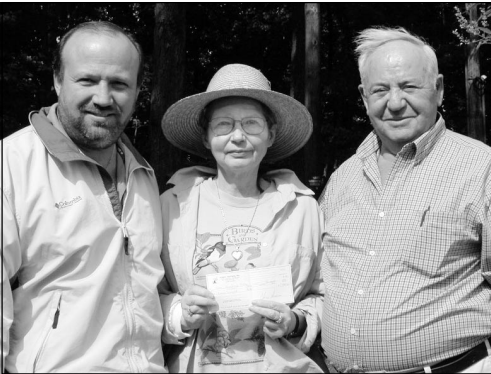
- the owner of the property at 1616 Rockville Pike.
- Adopted an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 3-02 to appropriate funds and levy taxes for FY2002.
- Authorized staff to file an historic dis-

- trict sectional map amendment application to rezone 9,000 square feet of land identified as Lot 9, Block One of Lincoln Park and known as the Bessie Warren House from R-90 to R-90 HD (historic district) zone.
- Adjourned to a work session regarding the City Manager's Recommended Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program for the FY2003.

Boards and Commissions Meetings

- August 7 (Wednesday)
Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
Cultural Arts Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- August 13 (Tuesday)
Science, Technology and Environment Commission, 7: 30 p.m.
- August 15 (Thursday)
Rockville Sister City, 7:30 p.m.
- August 20 (Tuesday)
Historic District Commission, 7 p.m.
- August 27 (Tuesday)
Traffic and Transportation Commission, 7 p.m.

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Karen Voight (middle) holds a \$150 check that was presented by Chris Serdenes (left) and President Theodore Onasis (right) of Seaway Coatings, Inc. The company that repaired Talbott Tank made the contribution to help buy garden supplies.

three times a day—has even received permanent Lifetime Recognition from the Keep Montgomery County Beautiful project.

Last month, Karen received another reward – a check for \$150 from Seaway Coatings, Inc. The contractor removed and replaced steel plates and installed a rust protection system to protect Talbott Tank. Because of the accessibility required to get to the tank, many of the plants and flowers were damaged. However, after contractor Chris Serdenes and Seaway President Theodore Onasis met Karen, they immediately understood her commitment to the area. On July 11, they met her at the tank, commended her work—and presented her with a check for \$150 for supplies to restore the garden.

Karen said that the money comes right in time for the upcoming fall planting season. “I’m so thrilled,” Karen said. “What a surprise this is.”

National Night Out Set For August 6

Few communities around the Washington metropolitan area have celebrated National Night Out like Rockville, and that will be true again this summer.

Residents from more than 50 Rockville neighborhoods will celebrate the 19th annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, with traditional block parties, cookouts and neighborly fun. Also sure to be evident are the not-so-traditional variety shows, open mike opportunities and Vaudeville zaniness.

Officers from the Rockville City Police Department and members of the Rockville Mayor and Council, along with children's favorite McGruff the Crime Dog, will make their rounds amongst the celebrations. The celebration is intended to spread the word to criminals that Rockville's neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime. In addition, National Night Out promotes strengthened neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

Last year, approximately 42 Rockville neighborhoods and 6,000

residents took part in National Night Out activities.

If you or your neighborhood organization would like to organize a block party or other event in recognition of National Night Out, please call the Rockville City Police Department's Community Services Office at 240-314-8922.



McGruff the Crime Dog was a hit with Rockville Children on National Night Out 2001.